ing structures are also taken up for conservation of water. Step wells are also being converted into sanitary wells with a view to eradicate guineaworm in affected areas.

(c) In Madhya Pradesh, out of 26,647 problem villages in 35 Tribal Sub Plan Districts, 26,531 problem villages have so far been covered with atleast one source of safe drinking water facility. Out of 16,785 identified problem villages in the districts covered under Special Component Plan (Harijan and Backward), 16,743 problem villages have already been covered with atleast one source of safe drinking facility.

Changes in Labour Laws

देश में पट्टाधृति प्रणाली का उन्मूलन

510. श्री राम चन्द्र विकल: क्या शहरी विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या समूचे देश से पट्टाधृति प्रणाली का उन्मूलन करने सम्बन्धी कोई योजना सरकार के विचाराधीन है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है; और यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं?

शहरी विकास मंत्री (श्री मुरासोली मारन): (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) चूंकि भूमि राज्य का विषय है, इसलिये अपने-अपने राज्यों में भू-धृति पद्धति के बारे में निर्णय लेना, राज्य सरकारों का. कार्य है।

511. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether any plans are under Government's consideration for changes in the Labour Laws;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when a decision is likely to be taken in this respect?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) to (c) The review of the labour laws is a continuing process with a view to making amendments as required according to the needs of the changing situation.

Calcutta Circular Railway System

512. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the recent news report appearing in a section of the Press that the work of Calcutta circular railway system could be completed within six months;

(b) what is the problem being encountered in the execution of the work; and

(c) what steps have been taken to get the work started?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Construction work on the remaining 3.5 km length of the project from Ultadanga Road to Dum Dum junction is held up on account of obstructions caused by encroachers on Railway land.

(c) Assistance- of the State Government has been sought.

Subsidences and Accidents in Raniganj Coalfield

513. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the growing incidences of subsidences and accidents in the coal mines of ECL in Raniganj Coalfield;

(b) if so, what were the numbers of subsidences and accidents during the last three years;

(c) what were the nature of the sub-